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## **IN THE CLAIMS**

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- 1. A data protection device comprising:
- a[n] <u>fire-resistant</u> enclosure having at least one wall and a closeable opening, said enclosure capable of protecting contents from environmental hazard;

at least one electrical connector within said enclosure for providing power inside said enclosure; and

at least one data transmitter within said enclosure for providing a data link between inside said enclosure and outside said enclosure;

said at least one electrical connector and said at least one data transmitter extending outside said enclosure for connection with at least one power source and at least one data source;

wherein said at least one electrical connector and said at least one data transmitter extend within said at least one wall in such manner to substantially prevent an environmental hazard from affecting contents of said enclosure.

11. A method of protecting a data storage device from environmental hazard, comprising:

enclosing said data storage device in a[n] <u>fire-resistant</u> enclosure capable of protecting said data storage device from environmental hazard;

connecting said data storage device inside said enclosure to a power source outside said enclosure; and

connecting said data storage device inside said enclosure to a data source outside said enclosure.

15. A method of protecting electronic data from environmental hazard, comprising: storing electronic data;

enclosing said stored electronic data in a[n] <u>fire-resistant</u> enclosure capable of protecting said stored electronic data from environmental hazard;

connecting said enclosure to a power source outside said enclosure; and connecting said enclosure to a data source outside said enclosure.